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To Harry V. Gilson, Commissioner of Education  
From Frank I. Cowan, Attorney General

I have a memorandum from Mr. Roderick under date of March 8th in regard to the disposal of certain property formerly used by the State Normal School at Farmington. Where the statutes give no express authority to a department to dispose of State property, any action along that line must be either by 1) an express act of the legislature, or 2) by an order issued by the Governor and Council. Whether or not we have to go to the legislature or can proceed by Council order depends very largely on the facts in each individual case. There is not enough information given in the memo of March 8th so I would want to make any definite statement, although it appears to be a case that can be taken care of by Council Order.

Frank I. Cowan  
Attorney General

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